



# Chancellor's Report

Chancellor John Pugh

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September 2012 Meeting

## New ACRC Director Hired

Dr. Allison Bidlack has been selected as the new Director and faculty member at the Alaska Coastal Rainforest Center (ACRC). She began her position in August. Bidlack comes to UAS from ECOTRUST in Cordova where she was the Science Coordinator for the Copper River Program which maintains research in the Copper River watershed, including salmon habitat modeling and stream monitoring. Bidlack has a PhD from the University of California Berkeley in Environmental Science, Policy and Management, an MS from UAF in Biology and a BS from the University of Michigan in Resource Ecology and Management. The ACRC began in 2009 as a collaborative effort to expand and enhance education and research opportunities among six partners that include UAS and UAF.

## Lelchuk Honored for Publications in Russia



*Janna Lelchuk receives an award from Lola Zvonareva, Chair of Moscow Council of Writers at the "Night in Bulgakov's House"*

UAS Adjunct Assistant Professor of Russian Dr. Janna Lelchuk has received an award for her literary works from "Artiada of Russia," Moscow, a very competitive and prestigious competition among writers and artists. The Council of Writers in Moscow endorsed a publication of her book which was published in Spring 2012. In June, Lelchuk was a featured speaker in the famous "Bulgakov's House" in Moscow. In July she was invited to travel with a group of famous Russian writers and journalists to Gdansk, Poland for the International Conference of writers, where she presented her books. Lelchuk also received another award for her literary work and two offers to write in one of the most famous Russian journals called "Literature Gazette" ("Литературная газета") and children's journal "Murzilka" ("Мурзилка"). Lelchuk is preparing more books for publication.

## Dr. Julia Ivy at Northeastern University

Dr. Julia Ivy (formerly Yuliya Ivanova) accepted an offer to share the School of Management's expertise in quality of teaching in the distance environment at the graduate Program in Leadership in the College of Professional Studies at Northeastern University in Boston. In a year, Dr. Ivy looks forward to bringing back to UAS her new experience in developing industry-focused leadership programs and university to local community partnerships. This is an exceptional opportunity for Dr. Ivy Julia to share her expertise in distance education course design and experiential learning. The School of Management faculty and staff congratulate Dr. Ivy on this distinctive honor and look forward to her return in Fall 2013.

## UAS New Degree Emphasis: Alaska Native Studies



*Assistant Professor Xh'unei - Lance Twitchell*

The University of Alaska Southeast is pleased to announce a new degree emphasis in Alaska Native Studies. Course requirements for a Bachelor of Liberal Arts with an emphasis in Alaska Native Studies include courses in Tlingit and Haida, Northwest Coast Art, History and Culture, Alaska Native Social Change and cross disciplinary courses with Alaska Native themes.

The degree emphasis is for people who want to work with Alaska Native languages, people, and organizations. Classes will be developed that examine traditional ecological knowledge (Lingít Ethnobotany), Native American Critical Theory, Native Americans and Film, Documenting Alaska Native Languages, Alaska Native Language Revitalization, Placenames & Geography, Alaska Native and Federal Indian Law, and more.

For more information, please contact: Xh'unei - Lance A. Twitchell, Assistant Professor of Alaska Native Languages, (907) 796-6114



Elise Tomlinson, Interim Regional Director of Library Services, Egan Library with "The Ford" by Eustace Paul Ziegler

## Original Ziegler Oil Painting Donated to Egan Library, UAS

An original oil painting on canvas by one of Alaska's most prolific artists, Eustace Paul Ziegler (1881-1969) has been donated to the University of Alaska Southeast Egan Library, Auke Lake Campus. "The Ford," is a large painting measuring 40 x 91 ½ inches with an appraised retail replacement value of \$225,000.

The painting is on display in the Egan Library, conference room 210 and available for public viewing. "We are thrilled to have an original Ziegler painting in the Egan Library. His work is widely celebrated for beautifully reflecting early twentieth-century Alaskan frontier life," said Elise Thomlinson, Interim Regional Director of Library Services, Egan Library.

The painting was donated in memory of the pioneer spirit of Joe and Bessie Thomas that helped pave the way for "present day" Juneau. UAS Chancellor John Pugh said, "This is just one example of an amazing gift to the university. Because of the family's generosity, an Alaskan art treasure will be shared with the public and can be enjoyed by generations to come."

## Martin Named Technical Correspondent for National Publication

Associate Professor of Automotive Technology Tony Martin has been named as a technical correspondent for the Mobile Air Conditioning Society (MACS). He wrote the July 2012 issue of their Monthly Service Reports, "6.7 Liter Power Stroke Cooling System Service". More information on MACS at [www.macsw.org](http://www.macsw.org)

## Annual Evening at Egan Friday Fall Lecture Series, Sept. 14 – Nov. 16

An exciting and varied Evening at Egan series is underway. *Breaking Ice for Arctic Oil* author Ross Cohen started things off with a September 14 presentation on what the test run of an ice-breaking tanker in the Northwest Passage tells about the impracticality of moving crude oil by icebreaking ships. The talk was especially timely with the recent controversy over oil companies poised to drill off-shore in the Arctic. September 21 UAS faculty Eran Hood and Jason Amundson discussed the origins of the Suicide Basin outburst flood on the Mendenhall Glacier and future work aimed at better understanding this local natural hazard that occurred the past two summers. Friday, September 28, photographer Skip Schiel presents "Israel, the Occupied Territories, and Nonviolent Resistance" in the Egan Lecture Hall. This multi-media presentation illustrates the reality of the occupation and highlights Palestinian and Israeli nonviolent responses.

Other events this season include a presentation by new Alaska Coastal Rainforest Center director Alison Bidlack on Collaborative Research in Southeast Alaska (Oct.12) and a UAS student presentation on their Spring 2012 semester in Cuba (Oct. 26). The series finishes off in November with talks by Vuntut Gwitch'in First Nation Elder in Residence Randall Tetlichon on Human-Caribou Relations (Nov. 9) and author Karsten Heuer on his book, "Being Caribou: Five Months on Foot with an Arctic Herd" (Nov. 16). Both presentations are part of the UAS One Campus-One Book, 2012, *Being Caribou*. All events are free, open to the public and held at either the Egan Lecture Hall or Library. For the full schedule and live streaming link, please see the Evening at Egan website at: [www.uas.alaska.edu/eganlecture](http://www.uas.alaska.edu/eganlecture)